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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street NW
Washington, DC 20554


Dear Chairman Powell:

For some time, public safety communications systems have endured radio interference from adjacent channels used by commercial wireless operations in the 800MHz band. Current events necessitate the uninterrupted communications operation of public safety agencies if the unremitting security of the public is to be maintained.

The proposed "Consensus Plan" now before the Federal Communications Commission has the potential to address the interference problems. Moreover, the increased spectrum afforded public safety agencies through this plan is a plus for future communication needs.

The nation's safety and security agencies face a myriad of issues and concerns since the catastrophic events of 9-11. The "Consensus Plan" provides a solution to a growing communications problem that can ultimately affect public safety agencies nationwide. To this end, it is imperative that the 800MHz system be separated. Please support the implementation of this urgently needed plan.

Sincerely,



Calvin Ross
Chief of Police